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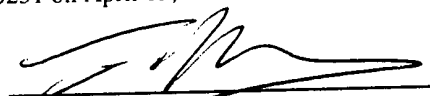
Invention: SHAPED DIAPHRAGM FOR A  
CENTRIFUGE SYSTEM ROTOR

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Timothy M. Murphy

Commissioner for Patents  
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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 19, 2002, the applicant hereby elects group I, claims 1-7, drawn to an expansible chamber with flexible diaphragm, without traverse. Please cancel claims 8-15 without prejudice.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required; however, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that the applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

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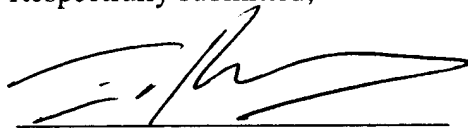
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It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Consideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy M. Murphy', is written over a horizontal line.

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